

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Minister Lynn Dixon from Genesis Community Ministries and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the Youth from Genesis Community Ministries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STEVEN J. HUNTER:

1975 East Locust, Kankakee, IL, Former Alderman. I am here to address the personal attacks made against me at the July Democratic Committee meeting made by Mayor Wells-Armstrong. I supported Mayor Wells-Armstrong when she was running. I supported her in her elections; gave her resources, gave her money. She has come to my home for assistance; for information regarding procedures as well as other Alderman to understand how this municipal government works. After having been in municipal government for 40 years...Alderman Kennedy, Alderman Lewis and Alderman Malone Marshall has been there as well. Chasity has also invited me to her home to help her understand municipal government and budgets. I also discussed issues about presidents...democratic...and republican. At the Democratic Committee meeting, she said she is attacked everyday about her hair and other subjects. I'm sorry to say Mayor but I can't help you with the hair issue. If you don't believe my statements, she brought along 4 Democratic Alderman who also attended that particular July meeting and they can attest to the statements that she made. I was criticized when she said I gave credit to Alderman Chris Curtis for property tax relief which is true. The former Alderman in the 1st Ward... told me when I was elected in 1973 to do your homework before speaking on the Council floor or to the public. I read up on the subject regarding the matter and attending a meeting at the Library which Alderman Curtis provided a comprehensive presentation on the proposed matter and also along with the sales tax increase. Mayor Wells-Armstrong...comments. I asked various members of this City Council regarding this proposal and every person that

I talked to indicated that was the proposal that Curtis presented and pushed for as passage. What I have read & heard indicates that Alderman Curtis brought us the property tax relief along with those Alderman that voted in that matter. First Lady Michelle Obama said, when they go low you go high. Mayor Wells-Armstrong needs to understand that being an elected official...subjected to a task...unfounded. Former Alderman Butch Green, Former Alderman Jess Gathing and...recall the "N" word in this Council Chambers by the audience in the Council Meeting. It indicates to you that you have to have tough skin in this ball game. Alderman Osenga has been attacked verbally and as a first responder he was shot by a criminal. Correct? I am going to close here by saying Mayor, I have not attacked or vilified you publicly. During my rehabilitation from hip surgery at the Heritage Village, I received a 3 hour pass to attend the Mayor's swearing in ceremony, presented a spread of flowers to the Mayor on behalf of the citizens of the entire City. Have we had agreements and disagreements on appointments and municipal issues? Yes, we have. You used to call me excessively before and right after your election and your swearing in. I have recorded phone messages to that affect to corroborate this. In closing, please stop the unprofessional behavior and remember from whence you come.

TIM NEHLS:

Good Afternoon, I currently reside at 235 East 2740 South Road, Kankakee. I am here to get a follow up on problem going on in our neighborhood. Also, to address that we now have squatters come by for the last 3 weeks. They have taken up residence on both sides of our property

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetters, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSENT: Brown, Swanson, Crawford
(11) Present (3) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Kosman, Schuldt, Kambic, McGrath, Schiel, Pigguish, Bertrand, Schmitz, Ellexson, Koehler, Hoffman, Brewer-Watson. Thank you...and Nelson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Before we move on I would like to introduce Jasmyne Humble, she is our new Marketing/Communications Coordinator. She is replacing Miya's position on the City Side. Miya has gone over to the CDA side under the grant programs. Jasmyne comes to us, she is a native of Kankakee, went to the public schools, her mom is a retired teacher from Kankakee District 111 and she has a background in journalism and event planning. She recently worked at Indian Oaks. I wanted to make sure everybody had an opportunity to meet Jasmyne. We welcome you to the City. Moving on to the minutes for Monday, July 15th, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I motion to approve the minutes.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any edits or discussions? All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign minutes are approved. There are no Petitions. Moving on to Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Introduction of New Police Officers Johnathan Golden and Mario Martinez.

CHIEF KOSMAN: Thank you Mayor. Members of the Council it is my great pleasure to introduce the 2 New Police Officers with us.

Mario Martinez is a lateral transfer to our department from the University of Illinois Police Department. He started June 17th and has an Associate Degree from the Danville Area Community College and he graduated from basic Police Training at the Police Training Institute of the University of Illinois. He is assigned to field training on the afternoon shift with Officer Latham.

Jonathan Golden started with us April 1st. He is a Kankakee resident, he grew up in Kankakee and went to Bishop McNamara High School. He is also a U.S. Army Veteran. He is also the son of our own Detective Morgan Golden. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. He graduated his basic police training at the Illinois Police Academy in Springfield on August 11th. Right now, he is assigned to field training on the afternoon shift with Officer Jeff T.... Thank you.

ITEM 8B:

Presentation by the Kankakee Fire Department regarding New Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification.

CHIEF SCHULDT:

Back in October 2018, we had our most recent ISO survey done and they issue a number 1 through 10 to Fire Departments which is reflective of their ability to do their job and how efficient they are. #1 is the best on the scale and they look at several areas of the Fire Department... Fifty percent of the score is the actual Fire Department; training records, response time...and quite a few things. Forty percent of the score is water supply; they look at the system itself, the mains, how many Fire Departments we have and the ability to use the water. They also look at the water company's inspection records and other things. Ten percent of the score...KanComm. They look at dispatching and their ability to get the calls out...standard. They look at their generator systems their backup systems for their radios and paging and other areas. ISO changed a few things, they added the ability to...and community awareness that pertains to a lot of our fire prevention efforts. Casagrande and Fordahl are always going out with our safety house, we have the Passport to Safety Program in September and we get around to all the schools in October. They even looked at our Facebook page how many likes we had and if we had safety messages. Years ago, Kankakee was like a three or four. About 5 years ago they got down to a two. Today, I am happy to say that this is the first time in history that we are down to a #1. This is the best number we can have. Thank you to Aqua, KanComm dispatch Center...preplans...we were able to get that up...the credit goes to the Fireman. This is a team effort from every member of the Fire Department and Agencies as well. Thank you to the Council for ...the resources to do our job and...our

department as well. To my understanding we are in the top 2 percent in Illinois. Nationwide we are in the top 1 percent. I hope you all are very proud. Last Monday, ISO did a presentation and presented a plaque and I would like to represent the plaque right now.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Chief. Moving on... I would like to combine Items 8C, 8D and 8E.

ITEMS 8C-8E:

C. Ana Calderon is Requesting a Noise Permit at 301 South Hillcrest Avenue to Host an "Anniversary Party" on Sunday, August 11th, 2019 from 5:00 P. M. until 11:00 P. M.

D. New Vision Missionary Baptist Church is Requesting Street Closure to Host the "New Vision Church Picnic" on Saturday, August 17th, 2019 from 10:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M.

E. Caldwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church is Requesting Street Closure to Host Their "BACK-TO-SCHOOL FEST" on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 from 11:00 A. M. until 2:00 P. M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, may I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A:

Economic Development – Alderman Fred Tetter
The meeting was held on Thursday, July 25th, 2019.
Highlights include: Mr. gave the Committee and update on items developing. Establishing a TIF Policy & Procedures, Business Retention Survey: gaging the concerns of the local businesses in the City working closely

with the CDA Director, Annexation and requirements using Applications from other communities: City owned...acquired by other individuals and Application will continued to be finalized. Marijuana State Law Dispensary Operations for both medical and recreational use within the City limits: distance requirements and other considerations to modify our ordinances to receive revenue from this new industry. The Meadowview Classic Cinema Expansion and issues with the sewer lines. Lastly, the Gaming Machines Expansion that took place with the bill from the state and permit stickers for the machines along with the Cash Dispensing Machines being charged a fee. We will follow up with the implementation.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 10A Report of Officers. I want to thank Maureen for being here, while Elizabeth is out. I would like to note a few items in case there are questions. Artistic Engraving #75206 was for Badges for Alderman Prude and Cobbs. Kankakee County Animal Control #75235 – for March and April which will be credited back to previous fiscal year. Reimburse Mayor for mileage – when the Tahoe was totaled. It was about 6 months before I was able to get another vehicle. Nichelle Smith-Reimbursement for Snacks #75250 for refreshments purchased. Schuyler Avenue Properties 2 months Rental for Fire Department... Check #2910 Enterprise and the others are Capital -2 months on the Mayors vehicle June and July. Hall Signs under the 1130 series are MFT
May I have a motion to approve the bills?

ALD FAFORD: I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$807,717.60

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?

ALD FAFORD: What is Lexipol LLC?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's for the Police Department. Chief?

CHIEF KOSMAN: ...policy and procedures...(inaudible).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien (abstain on check #75228 and #75229), Gall (abstain on check #'s 75251, 2912, 1132, 1133, and 737), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall (No due to not having a quarterly report)
(10) Ayes (3) Absent (1) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. We have no Unfinished Business.
Moving on to Item 12A New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Ordinance amending the City of Kankakee Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.02B, to Provide Regulations for the Keeping of Backyard Chickens (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

MIKE HOFFMAN: Code was getting calls about backyard chickens. Research found that 1 person received a Conditional Use ... (inaudible). It will be a permitted use... it went to the Planning Board in June then to the Ordinance Committee in July. The Ordinance Committee wanted to make sure we required an annual license so Code can go back and inspect to see if they are doing everything properly. The Ordinance before you, allows people to have chickens in their backyards under certain regulations.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD FAFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(11) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD FAFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussions?

ALD CURTIS: One of my residents actually went through the planning commission and it was done properly. Does he have to upgrade to this now? Does he still follow the rules...

MIKE HOFFMAN: He is still permitted, he is good.

ALD CURTIS: There are some properties that have hens but never went through the planning commission process. How long before they have to get...

MIKE HOFFMAN: They are not even allowed right now so I would say immediately.

ALD OSENGA: ...about four years ago, I asked if we were going to have any rules or regulations...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude (11) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

ITEM 12B: Recommendation to Accept Proposal from Hitchcock Design Group for the Kankakee Riverfront Development (OSLAD) Grant Application.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This is the OSLAD Grant the application is coming up quickly due August 15th. I met with... and Hitchcock regarding this particular grant. This grant will target 4 homes outside of the FEMA boundary. A rough estimate... appraised at \$50K each and that is \$200K and the match will be 10 percent at \$20,000.00 combine with the fee for writing the grant and appraisals we are looking at a maximum of \$33,000.00 to secure the 4 properties on West River Street. Mike will give information regarding the Land Bank.

MIKE HOFFMAN: The Land Bank has about \$130K in funds to acquire property or open space so we can use the Land Bank money to cover your share of the match.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?

ALD O'BRIEN: Is this the Grant where we get all or nothing? Would we get funding for two or three of the houses?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It would be all I believe.

NEIL PIGGUSH: We get reimbursed for what we acquire. So, if we don't acquire them all then we just don't get reimbursed for them all...

ALD CURTIS: So, there is money in the Land Bank to do the 20 percent matching. Is that what you are saying?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yes.

ALD CURTIS: Does it cover the \$9500.00 fee or does that come out of the Capital?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We were planning for it to come out of Capital. Any other questions? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall (No)
(10) Ayes (1) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Items 12C.

ITEM 12C: Recommendation to Amend an Agreement with Teska Associates, Inc., for the East Court TIF to Expand the Study Area.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

The two TIF's simultaneously River front and East Court. That allowed for some cost savings. When it was determined to expand the district to include four different school sites that were adjacent to the TIF. We also looked at the possibility of including some commercial property from Court to Harrison. A part of the additional expenses were notifications adding another 100 properties...Court Street. We will have to send those out Certified Mail. Plus, we need to notify everyone within 750ft of the area. We may be able to reduce the notification fee's if Kris' department has time to do some of the notifications. Currently, on East Court TIF we are approximately under \$2500....

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

ALD TETTER

So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(11) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. There are no Appointments. Moving on to Item 13A.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A:

Supplemental Resolution for Improvement under Illinois Highway Code for Brookmont Boulevard Project, Section 06-00248-04-BR

NEIL PIGGUSH:

This Resolution coincides with Engineering Agreement approved back in February...we never passed a resolution authorizing MFT Funds for that we just approved the agreement in part to the fact that IDOT's Central Office said there had been a previous resolution authorized back in 2007. They finally got us that information which took about \$33K off of the authorization. So, this authorization is for the balance of the Engineering Agreement. It also takes out the \$382,000.00 in federal funds from

...Agreement so this is the net resolution for MFT allocation.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to adopt the Resolution?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move Mayor.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(11) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13B

ITEM 13B: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the TRI-County Auto Theft Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement.

CHIEF KOSMAN: The City has been involved with the TRI County Task Force for over 20 years. In recent years because of the State not funding the task force we have been limited in the amount and time an Officer has been staffed there. Recently, we have been funded the program and that way we can receive \$78K placing an Officer fulltime in that position again. It's an intergovernmental...and its restructured. We have to have a...to continue with it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to adopt the Resolution?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(11) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We do not have a need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

- ALD CURTIS:** Just a reminder, there will be a License & Franchise meeting on Thursday... (*inaudible*).
- ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** I just want to share with everyone that we are having a Back to School Bash in the 1st Ward in Old Fair Park September 7th from 2:00 P. M. to 6: 00 P. M. We are asking for volunteers and donations. No children will be turned away.
- ALD OSENGA:** I just want to thank you...Pete and Barbi for all the work that has been done on Roosevelt regarding the Cat House. It is finally down and they took the trees out...
- MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Department Heads updates.
- PETE SCHIEL:** Certifies mail has been sent to the EPA. It is going to take 10 days...the contractor is going to do everything in his power once that is returned back. I also spoke with Tim Nehls today and gave him an update. We did get a price for that property South of town. It is 5.2 acres of thick underbrush. We will take a look at it in our Capital meeting. Neil's crew can not do any work until this has been established.
- NEIL PIGGUISH:** The Street Scape Project is moving along. The water main On the North side of Court Street has finally passed and they are starting...they are about done on the East side of North Schuyler. The are trying to work around the water service improvements. Hopefully the West side will be done by the end of next week. We are hoping to get started with MFT Street Maintenance in the next few weeks. We should get the IDOT...in the next week or so for Riverstone Parkway. Design issues with Brookmont Blvd. In the Phase 1 Study there was \$150K plugged in for lift station improvements. Due to the current Phase 2 Engineering Study, that number has drastically risen due to the 300 acres that drain into that viaduct and we will be lowering it 4ft. Right now, we are looking at \$6-\$10 million dollars for pump station improvements that was not account for. We pumped the brakes on the application that was due in July. We don't want to apply for under funding. We want to make sure we have our ducks in a row before we apply for federal funding and make sure we have all the cost accounted for. The Riverstone area in the back in of

the Chrislin Subdivision cannot be surveyed until all that vegetation is taken down. We have a meeting tomorrow with IDOT regarding the Safe Route to School Project. We want to get that out to bid by February of next year. Thanks to Chief Kosman for the Truck Permit process that has taken a huge load off of our staff and Adjudication staff.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

The Police Department has adopted the 10 shared principles and provided historical content...

STEVE BERTRAND:

The Music Fest was a Success. We had 300 volunteers that received no pay. We had 10,000.00- 11,000.00 visitors this year...same as last year. Thank you to the police Department... and ESU for getting us going.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON:

CDA has a new hire. John...joined us as of August 1st he is our Staff Accountant/Compliance Officer covered by our Lead Grant.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Jasmyne started August 1st and she is coming up to seed. Healthy Home initiatives...give residents a 20 percent discount on prescriptions. Budget meeting next Monday on the 12th Chaired by Alderman O'Brien. ...Odelson will be her to present some updates on legislation that was passed on August 12th. The IML Conference...I asked Nichelle to send the information out to everyone interested in attending so you can get registered before rates go up. The IML Conference is September 19th-21st. I have asked to meet with Council pairs to identify the priorities in your Wards to make sure we are working to get what you need. Those meetings start this week. Th General Fund Budget has been uploaded on the Website and we will be working on additional updates...ESU Budget as well. Our Legal allocation is not only for Odelson & Sterk but also our Lobbyist Vince Williams and we have allocated money for the Sales Tax Litigation. Lastly, I received a letter today from the Attorney General. There was a complaint filed by John Kraft of the County Watch Dogs complaining we violated the Open Meeting Act regarding a settlement agreement. I am pleased to announce that complaint was not founded. There was no wrong doing on the City's part.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to adjourn?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs. Seconded by
Alderwoman Malone Marshall. All in favor aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.